

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were their cases considered when the recent appointment of the Magistrate was made?

Rama Varnha Tampuran.—They too were considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was the difficulty in appointing those Registrars with 11 years and 9 years service, as Magistrates?

Rama Varnha Tampuran.—It is not a question of policy of the Registrars being promoted as Magistrates. The policy of the Government has been one of selecting the senior-most man in the next lower grade as Magistrate and under that rule if any of these people come in surely they will be selected.

Opening of the Nanniode Dispensary.

40. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the date of the opening of the Nanniode Dispensary?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—17th Chingam 1096.

Itinerating Dispensary at Nanniode.

41. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) whether there was an experimental Itinerating Dispensary to serve Nanniode and the adjoining villages;
- (b) the date when it was started;
- (c) the period for which it worked;
- (d) the name of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon who was first deputed as Itinerating Sub-Assistant Surgeon;
- (e) the period for which he worked as Itinerating Sub-Assistant Surgeon?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) 12th Mithunam 1092.

(c) From 12th Mithunam 1092 to 4th Chingam 1095.

(d) Mr K. Kochunny Menon

(e) 12th Mithunam 1092 to 4th Chingam 1094.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What was the arrangement for dispensing there between 4th Chingam 1094 to 7th Chingam 1095?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It was an itinerating dispensary?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Who was in charge during the period?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There was no dispensary and no arrangement made.

Villages served by Itinerating Dispensaries.

42. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the villages served by the Itinerating Dispensary were highly malarial?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Out of the five places served by the Itinerating Dispensary two are highly malarial. They are Nanniode and Meenakshipuram.

Transfer of Sub-Assistant Surgeons to Nanniode Dispensary.

43. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the period for which Sub-Assistant Surgeons now transferred to Nanniode Dispensary have to serve there?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The period is fixed at 6 months.

Transfers to malarial tracts—Medical Department.

44. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the principle upon which transfers are made to malarial tracts in the ordinary course?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Transfers of Sub-Assistant Surgeons to malarial tracts are now generally made in the order of their seniority and they have to remain there for a period of six months at a stretch.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—It is not better to recruit people from the bottom instead of according to seniority? When transfers are made to Malarial tracts is it not possible to send young men instead of old men?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The dispensary is in the independent charge of one man, where a senior officer must be posted. Therefore independent charge men are all senior men.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—I suppose the other persons they are already in charge of dispensaries. When a transfer is made from one place to another is it not better to choose young men?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—We cannot excuse anybody. All the men in the department should go.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When did this practice begin?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Formerly a man was kept there for four and five years. Now it is restricted to 6 months.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are there any specific orders of the Government to that effect?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—From what date did you begin that practice?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—About a year and a half.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is a man once sent there sent again?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Hereafter it will be necessary.